

Chapter 6

The American Revolution 1776-1783

Section 1

THE NATION DECLARES INDEPENDENCE

A Call for Independence

- Colonists Divided

- The majority of colonists were _____ (neither Patriot nor Loyal)- hoped for _____
- Only 1/3 of 2ndCC wanted _____
- Many people were afraid of the idea of independence

- _____

- Published in _____ in Jan of 1776- by _____
- Gained support for independence
 - Called KG3 a “ _____ ”
 - Ridiculed the idea of _____
 - Americans should _____
- Writing was _____ with powerful words- changed minds of many
- Sold _____ copies in 6 months

Virginia's Resolution

- May 1776- VA gave support of delegates to CC to _____
- _____ - the Virginia resolution (_____)
 - The American colonies should be free independence states
- Congress wanted to write an official statement giving the reasons for separation
 - Asked _____, a quiet 33 year old that wrote beautifully to write it
 - Spent all summer with _____ (the committee of 3) writing it

The Declaration of Independence

- 4 parts: _____

- Uses ideas from _____
to logically explain why we wanted to break
away
- Preamble- _____
 - Sets out the overall message of the document

The Declaration of Independence

- Natural Rights

- Based on ideas of _____

- Rights given by God that

- _____
 - _____

- Government is created to

- _____

- If the government isn't good, the people should

- _____

The Declaration of Independence

- List of Grievances

- Grievances (_____)

- The English people had had many rights since the

- _____

- The Declaration says colonists were not given these same rights

- _____

- _____

- The Declaration points out the

- _____

- by the colonies that were ignored by the King

The Declaration of Independence

- The Dissolving of the Bonds
 - Aka the _____
 - After a valid argument, Jefferson makes a logical conclusion- independence is necessary
 - Uses serious and emotional rhetoric to let the world know the Americans mean business

Impact of the Declaration

- July 4, 1776- Congress passed Declaration
 - Not signed until _____
 - Benjamin Franklin- “We must all hang together, or most assuredly we will all hang separately.”
 - The Declaration of Independence was _____ - punishable by death
 - The goal of the Revolution changed- instead of fighting for fair treatment, now _____
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